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SUBJECT: Second Emergency Adoption of Newborn Screening Rule

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) Maternal and Child Health program requests the Executive Board, at the Board's September 8, 2021 meeting, to emergency adopt an amendment to the newborn screening rule (410 IAC 3-3). This will be the second emergency adoption of this rule, renewing the original emergency rule. This emergency rule renewal shall be effective September 29, 2021.

The proposed emergency rule amendment adds one (1) additional disorder to the newborn and infant screening panel and increases the newborn screening fee to cover the cost of the additional disorder. The proposed emergency rule amendment is attached.

During the 2020 Legislative Session, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1129, affecting newborn screening. HEA 1129 added the disorder Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) to the newborn screening panel. IDOH is seeking to amend its rule to reflect these legislative changes. In addition, IDOH is seeking to increase the newborn screening fee to cover the cost associated with screening for the additional disorder. This condition can be fatal and is a contributor to Indiana's infant mortality rate. With early detection and rapid intervention, newborns with this condition have a chance for a longer, and higher quality life.

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